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Eva plays sexy siren

Hennessey, Cheeseman to make pleas today

MAYERTHORPE Two men accused of assisting notorious cop-hater James Roszko, who gunned down four young Mounties near Mayerthorpe, are expected to make a plea in an Edmonton courtroom today.

Shawn Hennessey, 29, and Dennis Cheeseman, 24, are each charged with four counts of first-degree murder in relation to the case.

A trial has been tentatively set for April. Both men are free on bail.

Roszko took his own life in November 2005 after a gunfight with police. Killed were constables Peter Schiemann, Anthony Gordon, Leo Johnston and Brock Myrol.

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9/11 Sadness, big and small

JOHN LEAN FOR METRO EDMONTON

Brody Beaulieu, 5, marches with his firefighter father Pat, to the Firefighters Memorial on 83 Avenue, yesterday. The ceremony marked the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States, in which nearly 3,000 died, many of them police officers and firefighters. **See story on page 2.**

Sprawl panned in report

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Urban sprawl is making Edmontonians lazier and more stressed out, says an annual report released yesterday.

Since people are more likely to drive their vehicles in suburbs, there are fewer opportunities for exercise, like walking to work or taking transit to get around, says the How Healthy Are We? 2007 report, from by Alberta Health Services.

"In the Capital Health Region, motor vehicle transportation is chosen much more often than other transit modes," the report said.

"It is the strong connection between urban sprawl and widespread motor vehicle use that is most concerning for physical activity in the region."

Since low-density development encourages physical inactivity, people here are more prone to heart disease, diabetes, colon cancer and osteoporosis, the report said.

The Alberta capital region is also the most auto-reliant city in the country, according to Statistics Canada.

And, the reports says, because we are in our cars more, Edmonton area residents are more prone to getting hurt in automobile accidents.

"Community planners are well aware of these issues, and I think city councillors are as well," said Medical Health Officer Dr. Gerry Predy who authored the report.

"But in the past, we've designed communities base upon what we've perceived to be what the public wants and what the public has actually asked for.

"With some of the new information coming out, perhaps that wasn't the way to go."

The report also said sprawl plays a factor in mental health since it "isolates residents and reduces the quality of interpersonal relationships."

"People have to spend more time commuting, which means more time in the car, that in its self can be stressful," said Predy.

Effects linked to urban sprawl

Population growth

- The Edmonton region has seen an 8.4 per cent increase in the number of babies born between 2005 and 2006, but the fertility rate in the area is still lower than what it was in the late 1980s.
- Smoking rates among young expecting mothers were much higher than older pregnant women in the Capital Region.
- Mental health issues were the number one reason why men between the ages of 20 to 44 were hospitalized in 2006.

- Preventable diseases like mumps, measles and rubella — illnesses once thought to be diseases of the past — are still having an impact in the Edmonton region

Heartthrob coming to sing anthem for Oil Kings

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FAMOUS Though he couldn't point to Edmonton on a map, pop/rock heartthrob Jesse McCartney plans on finding his way to the Capital City next weekend to belt out our country's national anthem.

Jesse McCartney

"It's a bit of a shock to me," McCartney said. "What region of Canada is Edmonton in?"

While the 20-year-old multi-platinum star has a bit to learn about the area, he's also stretching his pipes and practising 'O Canada,' which he'll be performing at the Edmonton Oil Kings season opener at Rexall Place on Sept. 19.

"I'm learning the Canadian anthem as we speak, because I believe I'm singing it at the game," he said with a laugh. "That's one thing I'm learning about Canada."

Before the Oil Kings battle the Medicine Hat Tigers at 7 p.m., a pre-game carnival will be held outside Rexall Place, complete with stilt walkers, street hockey, and appearances by the Edmonton Oilers.

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Over 10,000 hopeful new students applied to the University of Alberta this fall
University officials say they haven't seen enrolment as high in years. Of the 8,000 students that were accepted to the class of 2012, 53 per cent are female, and 47 per cent are male and include students from every province and territory in Canada. METRO EDMONTON

Local

Housing boom going bust

Edmonton's housing market is going through a slow-down, according to figures released from Statistics Canada yesterday. Prices for new homes dropped by 5.3 per cent in July from what they were a year ago and prices in Calgary also fell by 0.3 per cent, said Statistics Canada. This is the sixth consecutive month of easing prices for new homes, "mainly due to the softening market in Western Canada," the agency said in a report. METRO EDMONTON

Modern day heroes remembered

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Nine-year-old Dayton Mildenberger wept silently while gazing up at a brass bell, rung in memory of his grandfather, a City of Edmonton firefighter who lost his life earlier this year.

The boy and his family were just a few out of a massive crowd that appeared in the heart of Old Strathcona to ring a bell for modern-day heroes one last time.

In total, the lives of 21 firefighters who died this year were honoured yesterday at the Firefighters Memorial Plaza on 103 Street and 83 Avenue.

"In 32 years, he only took seven days off, so that can tell you what kind of a man and firefighter he was," said Carole Field, remembering her husband through tears.

"This is the most important day. They put their lives on the line every time the bell rings and they have to go out."

JOHN ULAN/FOR METRO EDMONTON

Dayton Mildenberger, 9, rings the memorial fire bell, yesterday, as his grandmother Carolyn Field looks on.

Sept. 11 is a day of reflection for many, especially for those in the field of emergency services. The day is used each year to reflect upon the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the 343 firefighters who died in the World Trade Centre bombings, and how brave men and women continue to put their lives on the line for strangers every day.

> **"My grandpa was a firefighter and got to help people."**
> Dayton Mildenberger

"When everybody else is running out of burning buildings, they're running in," said Police Chief Mike Boyd. "It's important for us to take a moment once a year to gather with families to pay our respects to those who have given so much in the line of duty."

Though he said he knows the job is dangerous, Mildenberger hopes to one day follow in the steps of his grandfather.

"My grandpa was a firefighter and got to help people," he said.

Oil prices fuel city shortfall

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Soaring fuel prices, along with a slowdown in the construction market, will mean a $12.6 million shortfall this year to pay for tax-supported services — everything from garbage pick-up, police, maintaining roads and transit, say city number crunchers.

And it could get worse by the end of the year if the trend continues, the city's financial department said yesterday.

"We are forecasting a shortfall due to a combination of factors," said the city's chief financial officer, Craig Warnock.

> **"We are forecasting a shortfall due to a combination of factors."**
> Craig Warnock, CFO

Rising labour costs and fewer housing permits coming in also fueled the financial crunch.

Administration plans to ask council to consider using a portion of the city's stabilization reserve to help deal with escalating fuel costs.

The city's financial department said the 2009 budget is expected to be one of the most challenging the city has ever faced.

During a preliminary estimate in May, administration said taxes would need to be hiked by more than nine per cent a year just to maintain current services.

And a four per cent hike every year for the next 10 years is needed to fix aging roads and crumbling sidewalks, said city administration on Monday.

The City of Edmonton's current operating budget is $1.47 billion.

Ethnic channel launches Monday

OMNI Television viewers will suddenly have a lot more choice this Monday at 6 a.m. as a new channel airs on Edmonton cable.

Rogers OMNI Edmonton — over the air on channel 56 — will show three daily and locally produced newscasts for the city's Cantonese, Mandarin and South Asian communities.

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Mounties seek Wal-Mart attacker

ASSAULT Mounties are looking for a man who tried to abduct a seven-year-old girl in Hinton on the same day a man sexually assaulted women in Wal-Marts in Edson and Hinton.

Police say the cases in both towns, separated by an 87 km stretch of Highway 16, are linked.

A man walked into a Hinton Wal-Mart Monday and attacked one woman shopper around 4 p.m. At 4:45 he tried unsuccessfully to lure two teen girls into his truck in Hinton.

Moments later, a seven-year-old girl was lured into a Dodge Dakota pick-up, police said. The girl was able to escape unharmed when the truck slowed down.

Around 5:45 there was a similar attack on two women in an Edson Wal-Mart.

Mounties identified the suspect and a suspect vehicle using surveillance footage in the Wal-Marts.

The man was driving a dark-blue, 2000 model Dodge Dakota truck with a B.C. licence plate. Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Woman shot by cops charged

ASSAULT One day after a city cop was cleared for shooting a 60-year-old woman in the stomach, police slapped the woman with assault charges.

Janet Mary Lapointe, was charged yesterday with aggravated assault.

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Weekend slow downs

If you're headed south on the QEII Highway be prepared for delays. A bridge south of Leduc is being repaired. The Tower Road overpass between Millet and Leduc will be closed from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow and reduced to one lane Sunday. Bridge girders are being replaced at a cost of $330,000. METRO EDMONTON

Teen attacked with bottle while waiting for bus

ASSAULT A teenager suffered serious slashes to his face Wednesday night, after he was smashed in the head with a beer bottle in a seemingly random attack.

The 17-year-old victim and a 15-year-old friend were waiting for a bus near 118 Avenue and 34 Street around 7 p.m., when police say an older-model car with two older men pulled up beside them.

charges

- Shane Matthon, 24, has been charged with assault

The two adults jumped out of the car and tried to start a fight with the teens. Though the boys tried to ignore them, police say the 17-year-old was smashed in the face with a beer bottle.

The teens ran to a nearby medical centre for help and the attackers fled.

Police were called and quickly found the suspect vehicle a few blocks away.

Shane Matthon, 24, is facing a list of assault charges in connection with the attack. VICTORIA HANDYSIDES/ METRO EDMONTON

Transit Streets of history

JOHN ULAN/FOR METRO EDMONTON

Inter-Transport employees transfer Edmonton's first street car (which started service in 1908) onto a temporary display in front of City Hall, yesterday. The display will be in place for a week, starting today, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Edmonton transit.

Alcohol, road conditions blamed in fatal collision

FATALITY A man who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident in west Edmonton last week died of his injuries in hospital.

The 67-year-old man lost control of his motorcycle while on 100 Avenue near Anthony Henday Drive Sunday around 7:30 p.m.

Police believe that alcohol and road conditions contributed to the crash.

He is Edmonton's 18th traffic fatality of 2008. At this point in 2007, 23 people died as a result of collisions in Edmonton.

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Real Canadian strike possible

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Sidewalks in front of local grocery stores could turn to angry seas of green, if the Real Canadian Superstore and its unionized employees can't come to an agreement.

"We're not going to rush into the streets," said union president Douglas O'Halloran after members voted Wednesday 94 per cent in favour of a strike.

"But if there's no movement by the employer in the next couple weeks, you'll see picket signs in Edmonton."

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) represents 3,500 Edmonton area Superstore workers from eight locations. Only workers at an entry level are unionized, excluding Superstore management.

Employees now start at a wage of $9.40 per hour. The maximum wage for long-time, union employees is $16.65 per hour.

On Monday, the union rejected an offer — that has taken Superstore two years to draft. The offer of a pay increase of $2.65 over seven years didn't cut it.

"They're just being a big bully."
Douglas O'Halloran, union president

"We're looking for a three or four year contract with a minimum $1 per year raise, as well as a greater level of respect," O'Halloran said.

Among the long list of employee complaints are issues of stock availability, workplace cleanliness and disrespect from non-unionized management.

"They seem to think they can operate if we go on strike, and said this is their only offer, never to change," O'Halloran said. "They're just being a big bully."

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Police must tailor approach to youth

Police interrogators must tailor their approach to each young offender when explaining their rights, by taking into account factors that may affect their understanding such as learning disabilities, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

"I decided to take a stance that clearly reflects my convictions"

Montreal's archbishop Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, right, speaking about his decision to renounce his Order of Canada.

Abortion

Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte is protesting abortion rights crusader Henry Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Outbreak tests 'inexcusable'

Doctor bashes long delays

When the first hints of a listeria outbreak emerged from a Toronto nursing home in mid-July, it took more than three weeks for health officials to get test results from labs in Ottawa and Winnipeg.

That is far too long, microbiology experts now concede, delaying the response of public health officials and allowing the spread of disease to continue. And it's much longer than U.S. officials take to identify food-borne health risks and tell the public.

"It is inexcusable to wait that number of days in order to get an answer back," says Dr. Don Low, medical director of Ontario's provincial lab in Toronto which was unequipped to handle such testing five years after the SARS outbreak. "The (Ontario) public health lab should be doing it. That has to change."

"It is inexcusable to wait that number of days."
Dr. Don Low

Samples are sent to a Health Canada lab in Ottawa, then to Winnipeg's national microbiology causing delays in an outbreak investigation

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Calgary **Egg toss**

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CANADA

Gabriel Didiano, first year architect student from the University of Calgary, drops a specially designed egg holder from 4 floors up during the Faculty of Environmental Design's annual Egg Drop contest.

Taser report acquired

POLICIES The RCMP did not do "due diligence" when it approved the Taser stun gun for use as a less-than-lethal weapon by its officers, a hard-hitting independent review concludes.

The report was ordered up by RCMP commissioner Bill Elliott following the uproar over the death last October of a Polish immigrant shot by a Taser weapon by RCMP at the Vancouver airport.

Submitted in June to Elliott but not made public, the review says the RCMP relied too much on the advice of the Taser's American manufacturer in developing its policies and did not consult widely enough with medical and mental health experts about its impact on people.

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taser use

- The report, obtained yesterday under Access to Information, slams the use by policy officers of the term "excited delirium" to describe combative, resistant suspects, saying it is an excuse to justify firing the stun gun's charge.

News in brief

KFC MARRIAGE Two animal-rights activists got married yesterday at a Toronto Kentucky Fried Chicken. After saying their vows bride Alex Bury and groom Jack Norris served a new KFC vegetarian sandwich to celebrate the partnership with PETA forged back in June.

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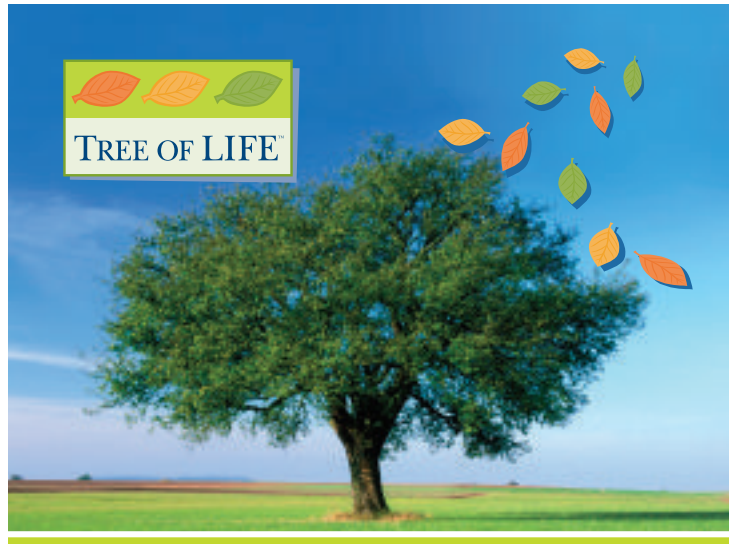

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Poll puts Tories on top

A Nanos Research poll yesterday said voters backed the Conservatives at 37 per cent; the Liberals at 32 per cent; and the NDP at 13 per cent. Nanos interviewed 978 decided voters, a sample size that carries a 3.1-point margin of error. REUTERS

Election 2008

Liberals

N.B. premier backs Dion

ENDORSEMENT Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion received the backing of New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham yesterday, though the Liberal premier's endorsement of Dion's Green Shift plan was more nuanced.

Stéphane Dion

Graham endorsed Dion, saying, "I feel a kinship to Stéphane Dion — I know what it's like to be underestimated."

Graham was often accused of being a weak and ineffective leader of the provincial Liberals before he defeated former Conservative premier Bernard Lord in 2006.

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CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper leaves a campaign rally yesterday at a vineyard in St-Eustache, Que.

Tax threatens unity: Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has revived Canada's unity debate with a stark warning that the Liberals' proposed carbon tax would plunge the country into a "big recession," creating economic turmoil that would give life to Quebec's separatist movement.

"By undermining the economy and re-centralizing money and power in Ottawa, it can only undermine the progress that we have been making on national unity," Harper told a Montreal audience of young business leaders.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion quickly rejected the incendiary charge yesterday, firing back with the claim that while he was fighting to keep the country intact, Harper was fuelling regional divisions.

"While he was busy talking about building firewalls in the West, I was fighting to keep my country together. Because I love Canada," said Dion, who in 1999 helped craft legislation designed to ensure separatists could not break up the country on the basis of a loosely worded referendum question.

The "firewall" reference stems from a letter written by Harper when he was president of the National Citizens' Coalition calling on Alberta to assume greater powers in order to shelter it from punitive measures from Ottawa.

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NDP

Layton plans cap-and-trade

ENVIRONMENT The New Democratic Party would implement a cap-and-trade system to cut 80 per cent of greenhouse gases by 2050 by punishing big polluters, leader Jack Layton said.

Jack Layton

The NDP plan for the environment would also put a halt to any further tarsand development in Alberta because "it is the largest environmental challenge facing Canada," Layton told a rally yesterday in the heart of Montreal.

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From Metro newsrooms across the country...

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Halifax

The ruling party was left scrambling this week when Tory hopeful Rosamond Luke — fined in 2006 for uttering threats — withdrew in a hurry. Interested in running in this N-dipper stronghold? Prime Minister Stephen Harper comes to Halifax this morning, so bring your resume — and your clean criminal record. Green giant Elizabeth May, campaigning against Bluenose political heavyweight Peter MacKay, celebrated her invite to the federal leaders' debate in Pictou, N.S. Will those national headlines help her win her uphill battle in Central Nova? Only time will tell.

Montreal

Every election, it's the same story. Does the Bloc and its leader, Gilles Duceppe, have a place in Ottawa? This time, the attacks weren't coming from the other parties, but from the separatist family. Ex-Parti Québécois minister Jacques Brassard said Wednesday that the Bloc leans too much to the left, that the party wasn't talking enough about sovereignty and that it was becoming a clone of the NDP. "The Bloc is there to defend the ideas and requests of Quebecers, regardless of the left and right ideologies," Duceppe said.

Ottawa

The major parties used Ottawa as a launch pad for the 2008 federal election race. Travel plans were at the fore as Prime Minister Stephen Harper boarded a plane for Quebec City and later jetted to Vancouver. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion wasn't travelling first class to open the campaign as the party waited too long to procure a plane. Eventually, the Liberals were able to find a 30-year-old Boeing 737, but not before Dion boarded a bus to visit Ottawa South. NDP Leader Jack Layton opened his campaign against the backdrop of Parliament Hill by announcing he wanted to take Harper's portfolio as prime minister. He then flew to Calgary to campaign in the prime minister's riding. Green Leader Elizabeth May's visit to the Ottawa Mission formed the basis for her policy on eliminating poverty.

Toronto

Jobs and money. Money and jobs. They are what makes a political campaign go round. Both Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion got an earful during the opening week on the hustings in the GTA. Mississauga, Ont., Mayor "Hurricane" Hazel McCallion lashed out at both leaders, demanding they do more to help with infrastructure in Canadian cities. On the job front, Harper said, "We can't guarantee your jobs," when asked about 500 more job cuts at the Ford Oakville, Ont., assembly plant.

Calgary

It has been a fairly quiet week on Calgary's federal election front as a majority of the city's comfortable Conservative MPs left town to lend a hand in other ridings across the country with much more at stake. On Tuesday, though, University of Calgary political scientist Barry Cooper said the environment had supplanted health care as Canadians' top issue and called them both "bogus" issues.

Edmonton

The stranglehold the federal Conservatives have on Alberta means few visits from national leaders but Edmonton did have a close encounter with one of the party honchos this week. NDP Leader Jack Layton was in the 780 area code briefly on Monday as his campaign plane flew past the Alberta capital headed for the Northwest Territories. Layton did get a little closer to Fort McMurray, though, as his NDPlane dipped to 1,500 metres to view the effect giant oilsands developments have had on the northern landscape.

Vancouver

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Jack Layton both visited Vancouver on Monday, the first full day of campaigning — strong evidence that the key to 24 Sussex Drive may lie in B.C. In a carefully staged effort to woo middle-class and ethnic voters, Harper spoke to reporters from the home of Richmond, B.C., resident Edwin Huang. He fed Cheerios to Huang's infant son and touted the Tories' $1,200 a year taxable benefit to parents of young children. Later in the day, Layton told about 250 supporters in MP David Emerson's riding that an NDP government would ban MPs from floor-crossing like Emerson did. Outside, a small but vocal group of young Liberals shouted tirelessly that "a vote for the NDP is a vote for Harper" leading to a Wild West-style shoutdown with Layton supporters.

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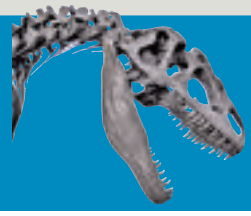
Chunnel shut down after train fire

A major fire aboard a freight train damaged the undersea Channel Tunnel yesterday halting all rail traffic between Britain and continental Europe, the tunnel operator said. The blaze turned one of the two main tunnel shafts into a smoking inferno. No one was killed, but six people fell ill. REUTERS

World



Dinos got lucky, scientists say

Thanks to a stroke of luck 200 million years ago, dinosaurs beat out ancestors of present-day crocodiles, called crurotarsans, for the right to rule Earth. The crurotarsans had a larger overall range of body types and diets, but some planetary calamity 200 million years ago - climate change or a large meteorite impact - nearly wiped out the crurotarsans while sparing the dinos. REUTERS

Palin causes stir in Tinseltown

ELECTION Sarah Palin represents many things Hollywood liberals love to hate, yet she possesses two key qualities they admire — star appeal and a great script.

Hollywood Republicans — often overshadowed by their left-leaning peers — are seeking to capitalize on the celebrity of John McCain's running mate by drumming up support.

"She's certainly got star appeal and is the kind of candidate that is made for Hollywood. I offered to throw her a fundraiser myself," said MGM chief Harry Sloan, one of Hollywood's most vocal Republicans.

Analysts say there is a significant group of Republican supporters in Hollywood, but they're just not as outspoken, Filmmakers, producers and executives seem to be fascinated by the story of McCain's VP pick, including her "hockey mom" persona and love of hunting. REUTERS

Star support

- By the end of July, Barack Obama had raised $5.2 million from the entertainmen industry, compared to McCain's $885,000.

Afghanistan supports U.S. strikes in Pakistan

AFGHANISTAN Afghan President Hamid Karzai backed a proposed U.S. strategy yesterday to hit al Qaeda and Taliban militants in Pakistan,

Pakistan's army chief has said his country would not allow foreign troops to conduct operations on its soil, warning that Pakistan's sovereignty would be defended "at all cost."

But The New York Times reported that U.S. president George Bush secretly approved orders in July allowing forces to carry out assaults inside Pakistan without approval. REUTERS

U.S. remembers Sept. 11

In a somber ceremony at the Pentagon, U.S. president George W. Bush yesterday dedicated the first major Sept. 11 memorial on the seventh anniversary of the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

"Seven years ago at this hour a doomed airliner plunged from the sky, split the rock and steel of this building and changed our world forever," Bush said.

Military members in dress uniform unveiled the 184 granite-and-steel benches in the memorial park that represent each of the victims killed in the Pentagon attack.

The ceremony was the last time that Bush, who steps down in January, will lead the nation in recalling the attacks that prompted him to declare a global war on terrorism that has defined his presidency.

The memorial, by New York designers Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman, also features maple trees and light pools in a park of gravel. The benches are arranged according to the victims' ages.

The attack on the Pentagon took place at 9:37 a.m., when American Airlines Flight 77 from Washington's Dulles International Airport smashed into the U.S. military headquarters.

The crash killed 125 people in the Pentagon, along with the plane's 59 passengers and crew and the five hijackers. REUTERS

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Cazzandra Peterson tosses a rose into the reflecting pool in Ground Zero during the Seventh Anniversary September 11 Commemoration Ceremony in New York yesterday.

Obama, McCain meet for memorial

- Presidential rivals John McCain and Barack Obama suspended their skirmishing in honor of the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, taking campaign ads off the air and making a rare appearance together in New York.

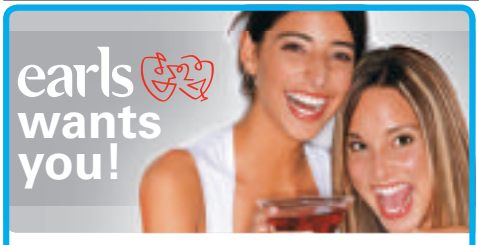
NASA shuttle clears review

SPACE NASA cleared the launch system being developed to replace the space shuttle for a detailed design review yesterday, confident the Ares rocket will meet safety, technical and budget requirements.

The new rockets are being designed to carry a capsule-style spacecraft called Orion, which can fly to the moon as well as to the space station in low-Earth orbit. NASA will spend $2 million in 2009 and 2010 readying the shuttle for its 2015 launch. REUTERS

News in brief

ISRAEL Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said yesterday he would resign immediately after his party chooses a new leader in an election scheduled for next week. Olmert, embroiled in a series of scandals, could stay as caretaker prime minister for weeks or months. Israeli police on Sunday recommended Olmert face criminal charges, saying they had evidence he illegally received money from a U.S. businessman and made duplicate claims for travel expenses when he was mayor of Jerusalem REUTERS



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Rome Airline workers protest

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A union member of Italian airline Alitalia holds a noose around his neck during a protest in Rome as an Italian investor group leading a bailout of Alitalia began make-or-break talks with the bankrupt carrier's powerful unions.

Housing prices keep slowing

The increase in price of a new house slowed in July for the sixth month in a row, mostly because of a softening market in Western Canada.

Statistics Canada says selling prices for new houses were up 2.7 per cent year-over-year in July, slower than the 3.5 per cent June increase.

Prices rose the fastest in Regina, where the cost of a new house skyrocketed 29.6 per cent, though that was down from a 34 per cent April record increase.

Buyers in St. John's saw a 24.3 per cent rise in costs.

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Trade surplus weakens in July

ECONOMY Canada's trade surplus narrowed more than expected in July to $4.85 billion, Statistics Canada said yesterday, helping set the stage for weak economic growth numbers.

Imports grew twice as fast as exports, and energy exports fell for the first time in nine months. However, analysts said it was encouraging that imports and exports had risen in real and nominal terms.

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Habs to retire Roy's number 33

Patrick Roy will have his number 33 retired by the Montreal Canadiens, the team announced yesterday, ending a bitter falling out between the Hall of Fame net-minder and one of the NHL's most storied franchises.Roy played 11 seasons in Montreal, leading the Canadiens to two Stanley Cups in 1986 and 1993. REUTERS

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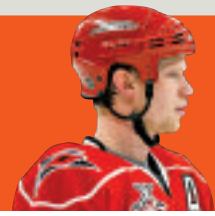

Staal inks $57.75M extension

The Carolina Hurricanes signed centre Eric Staal, left, to a seven-year, $57.75 million dollar contract extension yesterday. The deal begins with the 2009-10 NHL season and extends through the 2015-16 season, paying Staal an average of $8.25 million per season. A two-time All-Star, the 23-year-old Staal tallied 38 goals and 82 points last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Esks not discounting Ticats

Coach insists team will not be complacent against 2-8 foe

ROBIN BROWNLEE
for Metro Edmonton

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats are a team the Edmonton Eskimos should beat for fun, but you won't hear head coach Danny Maciocia framing Saturday's showdown at Commonwealth Stadium that way.

After having the brakes thrown on a tidy roll with a mistake-filled 38-33 loss to the Calgary Stampeders their last time out, the 6-4 Esks don't have anything to be over-confident about, despite the Ticats woeful 2-8 record.

There's no room for complacency.

"We better take the record and toss it out of the window," insists Maciocia.

"We better not get caught up in numbers. We have got to get ready to play them tough.

"We've got a team coming to town that needs to win, We are just as desperate as they are. We need to win, also."

After humbling the Stampeders 37-16 on Labour Day, the Esks produced easily their worst performance in the rematch, despite staying close on the score board.

"We have got to get ready to play them tough."
Danny Maciocia

The receivers dropped passes. The offensive line got pushed around for the first time this season, allowing five sacks. Ricky Ray got roughed up and never did get settled.

So, instead of facing Hamilton, fresh from firing head coach Charlie Taaffe, at 7-3 and with some strut in their step, Maciocia's men have to show last week's feeble display was a one-off and get back on track.

"I'm not going to let one game put a damper on our season. Now it is time to get back to work," Maciocia said.

SHORT YARDAGE … the Esks have inked receiver Maurice Mann, who played the final three games of the 2007 season with Edmonton and caught nine passes for 127 yards, after he was cut by the Washington Redskins … Adam Braidwood (knee) and Dan Comiskey (ankle) are practising this week but neither will dress against the Tiger-Cats.

Former CFLer says league not 'serious'

YorkReport

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Many here in Canada tend to take the CFL seriously, but just how seriously do its players take it?

Brendon Ayanbadejo, a linebacker who spent two seasons earlier this decade with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Toronto Argonauts and B.C. Lions and is a member these days of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, has some face-slapping views about the CFL. When asked by the Baltimore Sun this week what the CFL was like, Ayanbadejo said this (brace yourself):

"It was like being paid to play junior-college football. Junior college was fun, but it was definitely not as serious as Division One, and the CFL is definitely not nearly as serious as the NFL. You get paid to do it, and you have fun and travel around Canada and learn about other people and other customs, but …"

Ouch.

If you think about it, though, the CFL really is perceived generally as nothing but a stepping stone by U.S. players aiming to make the NFL.

Heck, Winnipeg veteran Milt Stegall, who can set the CFL's receiving record with 17 yards during the Bombers' game in Toronto tonight, ended up in Canada only because he failed in NFL tryouts. And even Don Matthews, the ornery head coach who returns to the sidelines with the Argos tonight, is the CFL career leader in wins only because his many applications to the NFL were rejected.

I have some thoughts on Matthews, incidentally, and you can read them and other CFL-oriented notes in my latest CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

• Two B.C. natives are in the running to be chosen MVP in the AL this season. Justin Morneau and Jason Bay have been major contributors to the playoff runs for the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox, respectively, and will draw votes from voting baseball reporters.

There is an issue, however, that could prevent Bay from getting sufficient support. It's the same issue that may hurt the chances of the Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Ramirez and/or the Milwaukee Brewers' C.C. Sabathia in the running for NL MVP. All three joined their teams after mid-season, inter-league trades.

"People are talking about not voting for Jason, Manny or C.C. because they came from other leagues, but that's pure nonsense," said ESPN analyst Rick Sutcliffe, a former MLB pitcher. "Why should these guys be penalized because they were traded? Forget about that other-league stuff. We have inter-league games now and we should have inter-league MVPs."

• And look for ex-Blue Jays pitcher Bud Black to be fired as the San Diego Padres' manager right after the season.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

foul ball

• The mother-in-law of White Sox pitcher Javier Vazquez was hit in the head by a foul ball while he was pitching against the Blue Jays in Chicago this week. She fainted but, we're told, wasn't seriously injured.

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MLB Jays beat White Sox 6-4

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Toronto Blue Jays' Rod Barajas, right, and Lyle Overbay celebrate scoring on the Chicago White Sox during last night's game in Chicago. The Jays beat the White Sox 6-4.

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MONDAY'S GAME
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Baltimore at Houston, 6:30

Sports in brief

MLB Baltimore Orioles closer George Sherrill was activated from the 15-day disabled list yesterday. Sherrill is 3-5 with a 4.47 earned-run average and 31 saves.

NBA Orlando Magic's Pat Garrity announced his retirement from the NBA yesterday.

NFL Hurricane Ike has forced Sunday's National Football League game between the Houston Texans and Baltimore Ravens to be moved to Monday. The home-opener for Houston was originally scheduled for 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, but will now take place at 8:30 p.m.on Monday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Screen siren Eva Mendes, right, says she took the role of a manipulative, home-wrecking femme fatale in the movie The Women because she couldn't pass up an all-female, powerhouse cast, including Meg Ryan, left.

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Screen siren

Eva Mendes makes sexy work

TINA CHADHA
for Metro Canada

"If Martin Scorsese called with a great script and a role for me as a femme fatale, I'm going to take it," says Eva Mendes.

She certainly doesn't shy away from the screen siren roles — such as her breakthrough as Denzel Washington's girlfriend in Training Days and the perfume spritzing, manipulative "other woman" in The Women, opening today — that often get thrown her way. Oh, and don't forget that sensual Calvin Klein ad campaign, either.

"In life, you get certain opportunities and you make due with what you have," explains the 30-year-old.

"I never just take a role. It's never a frivolous decision, or a decision based on money only. It's always, 'How is this going to improve me as an actress? How is this going to play a big picture in my career?'"

A seasoned supporting cast definitely helps in the decision making process. For Mendes, The Women — a recreation of the 1939 comedy about a group of wealthy friends — starring Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Candice Bergen and Bette Midler, was a no-brainer.

"It's such a boys club in Hollywood, you have to take these films when they come up," she says about the all female cast." The hope for the film is, like Sex in the City and Mamma Mia!, this forward-thinking chick flick of sorts will help drive more ladies to the theater.

"If studios see that women are flocking to supporting each other and to see each others' movies, they'll start writing better roles for us," says the Cuban-American, who also hopes this will eventually trickle down to better roles for ethnic women.

"There's never an Indian woman portrayed, and Asian women? Where are the Asian women out there?" she exclaims. "We really need to see some more diversity."

Mendes plans to keep paving the way in that respect, leading with her craft, not always her looks.

"What I feel that I have to offer that no one has tapped into is range," she insists. "I have incredible range because I'm actually a trained actress; I've been studying for nine years. Because I study my craft I feel very confident that if you put me in a room with any director I will deliver." Mendes pauses, contemplatively. "I'm not given those opportunity as much, but that's part of the process," she adds. It's a really positive attitude to have in an industry that is relentlessly scrutinizing — especially after this trying year, when Mendes checked herself into a rehab facility. Maybe the self-esteem stems from the support system in her own life. Her personal group of gals — mom, sisters, best friends from junior high — all accompanied her to the premiere of The Women ("I couldn't make a move without them"). At home, Mendes, along with longtime boyfriend George Augusto, is starting a décor line called Vida ("Interior design and architecture are my passions").

And while she's dying to exercise that range and stretch her funny bone in a full-out comedy — think: the Cohen brother's slapstick style — next up for Mendes is The Spirit.

"I play a major femme fetal in that one," she says mischievously. "But it's so fun. She's a jewel thief."

Which all of a sudden makes sense, considering jewel thieves are sexy by profession alone.

"See," she says, laughing at that thought. "How can I complain playing such a great character? I'm playing opposite Scarlett Johansson, one of my favorite actresses, and I'm playing under the direction of Frank Miller, who's a creative genius."

We say, work it, girl.

GETTY IMAGES

Eva Mendes revels in the role of sex symbol.

Mendes and others aside, The Women plays like long sitcom

STEVE VEALE
for Metro Canada

The Women

Director: Diane English
Stars: Annette Bening, Meg Ryan, Eva Mendes, Jada Pinkett Smith
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

REVIEW First of all, purists be warned. The classic 1939 George Cukor film The Women, based on the Broadway play by Claire Luce Booth, was a biting indictment of the social times and starred legendary Hollywood actresses.

This is not that.

Annette Bening leads a trendy group of Manhattan friends played by Meg Ryan, Debra Messing and Jada Pinkett Smith. Yes, four female friends in Manhattan. Sound familiar? The comparisons to Carrie Bradshaw and her buddies are far too obvious to ignore. In fact, in the hands of writer/director Diane English, the movie often seems like an extended episode of Sex and The City for the moneyed, menopausal set.

English is the creative genius behind 10 years of TV's Murphy Brown — and that's the problem.

The Women's cast includes Jada Pinkett Smith, Annette Bening, Meg Ryan and Debra Messing.

The movie plays like a TV sitcom. One-liners replace emotion. A husband's infidelity, which should be emotionally gut wrenching, is played for cheap zingers. With the possible exception of a wonderful Cloris Leachman, no one is looking for Oscar gold here. Although, there is some excellent work by the sexy "home wrecker" Eva Mendes, motor mouth manicurist Deb Mazur, and a very classy Candice Bergen — Murphy Brown herself.

The main foursome, however, play this for trashy fun and they are fearless about it.

Unfortunately we care nothing about them; they are shallow and superficial and seemingly untouched by any real emotion. But to the credit of the actresses, they were just following the script and taking direction from someone making a television sitcom.

Too bad, because there was a good movie in here.

No Grace, just Savage: Film a caricature of real-life characters

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Savage Grace

Director: Tom Kalin
Stars: Julianne Moore, Stephen Dillane
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●

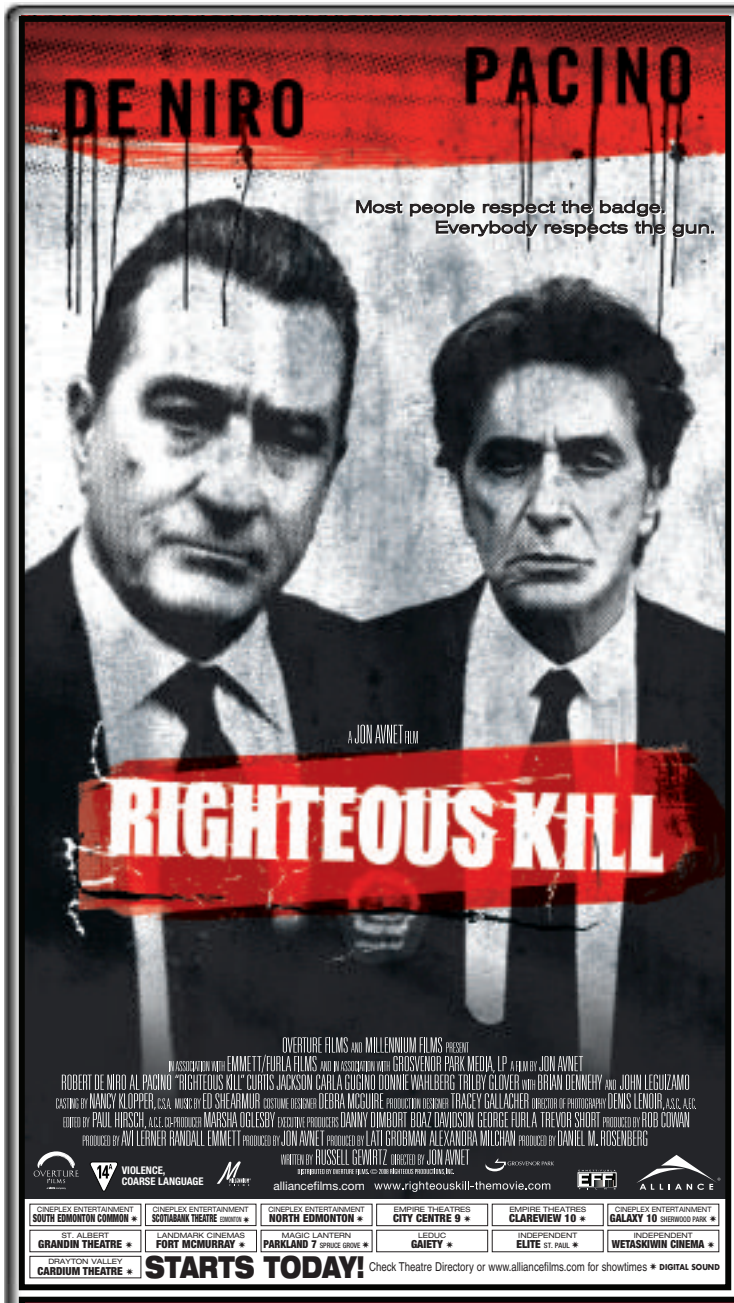
REVIEW Tom Kalin's Savage Grace applies a post-modern sensibility to a lurid story torn from yellowed headlines: In lieu of a thinly veiled Leopold and Loeb, Kallin re-stages the 1972 murder of American socialite Barbara Daly Baekeland (wife to the heir of Bakelite plastics empire). That the film is told from the murderer's point of view — and that said murderer is Baekeland's late son Anthony, with whom she had engaged in incestuous activities to "cure" him of his homosexuality — should give the material some queasy, true-crime-thriller pull, but the tone is so chicly chilly as to preclude even cheap heat.

Inevitably, period pastiche queen Julianne Moore plays Baekeland, and her quietly ferocious performance is easily the best thing about the film. With the opportunity to overact all but served up on a silver platter, she opts for underplaying, shrinking the dimensions of her broadly sketched society gorgon role down to human scale. But the writing is dreadful right from the opening voice-over, in which Anthony (played as a child by Barney Clark and as an adult by Eddie Redmayne), describes himself as the steamy residue of a failed marriage between hot and cold.

Kalin wears his art on his sleeve, framing the action with dramatic angles and punctuating the decades-spanning melodrama with none-more-noirish-ish musical cues.

It's all very self-consciously arch, and that might even be a canny choice for a film about people whose high-toned insularity led to their undoing, but it suggests that Kalin saw this material primarily as the means to an aesthetic end. The film investigates its tragic, complex real-life characters only to caricature and exploit them.

It's about superficiality, but it's also extremely superficial — a deeply shallow movie.



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An overrated combination?

De Niro and Pacino pairing leaves much to be desired

RICK MCGINNIS
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Righteous **Kill**

Director: Jon Avnet
Stars: Robert De Niro, Al Pacino
Classification: 14A
Rating:

REVIEW The publicity for Jon Avnet's Righteous Kill is committed to selling the film around Robert De Niro and Al Pacino sharing the screen, as if such an event were a natural phenomenon somewhere on the order of Halley's Comet.

The fact is that the two men have been in the same film twice before, once in Michael Mann's overrated Heat, and the first time a long cinematic epoch ago in Godfather II — before either of them had the post-Brando stature they enjoy today, and where they were after all never onscreen together, being separated by several decades and many flashbacks.

The fact is that if there were a compelling reason to pair Pacino and De Niro like some sort of twitchy, bellowing Martin and Lewis, it would have been done many times by now.

The two men might be able to steal scenes from lesser actors, but together their onscreen chemistry is like diet soda and a candy bar — fine on their own, but together they diminish the other's pleasures and benefits and leave us feeling twice as remorseful.

The plot, a purposefully confusing mess involving vigilante cops and a drug lord played by rapper 50 Cent in what we can only presume was his best chance to get his Scarface poster autographed, adds no particular value to any prodigious amount of acting.

Avnet is, after all, the same man who recently brought us the flatlined thriller 88 Minutes that Pacino seemed to amble through as if he'd gotten lost on his way to the Apple Store.

Pity poor Carla Gugino, who once again accepts a role that requires her to be brutalized, in a scene that might have had some painful resonance if we'd been given any reason to care about the guilt or innocence of the two men at the centre of the story.

"50 Cent in what we can only presume was his best chance to get his Scarface poster autographed, adds no particular value to any prodigious amount of acting."

This rarely happens in a movie. There may be good reason for it.

Burn after viewing

Burn After **Reading**

Directors: Joel And Ethan Coen
Stars: George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand in Burn After Reading.

REVIEW Barely a year after Joel and Ethan Coen released one of the finest movies of their career, No Country For Old Men, the auteur siblings have returned.

In typical Coen style they made a 180-degree turn, moving from a tightly crafted thriller to a fast-paced comedic farce.

Given that No Country saw the brothers regain the edge and craft of their early thrillers, there was hope that this movie would return them to the comedic heyday of Raising Arizona and The Big Lebowski.

Unfortunately that didn't happen. The film stars Brad Pitt and Francis McDormand as a pair of dimwitted personal trainers who stumble upon a CD filled with the financial records of a former CIA employee (John Malkovich). Convinced that they have sensitive data, the pair attempt to blackmail Malkovich and as you can expect, things don't go well. George Clooney, who appears as the sex-obsessed lover of both McDormand and Malkovich's wife, inadvertently finds himself entangled in the mess. Ultimately, the movie plays out like a loose collection of funny characters and ideas linked together by a half-hearted plot. As a simple comedy, it certainly works and will provide plenty of laughs, but the Coen brothers are capable of more.

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STEPHEN VAUGHAN/DC COMICS.

Director Christopher Nolan (hands folded leaning on rail) watches as Christian Bale prepares for a scene in The Dark Knight.

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Burn After Reading (14A) Digital Presentation Fri-Mon 12:10-3-6:55-9:30 Digital Presentation Tue 6:55-9:30 Digital Presentation Wed 12:10-3-6:55-9:30 Digital Presentation Thu 12:10-6:55-9:30

The Dark Knight (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Wed 12-3:30-8 DTS Digital Thu 12-8

Death Note (14A) Mon 9

Death Race (14A) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 9:20

The House Bunny (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Wed 12:40-4:10-7:20-9:30 DTS Digital Thu 12:40-7:20-9:30

Opus Arte — Cinderella (Ballet) (STC) Sat 1

Pineapple Express (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 12:50-3:25-6:30-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat 6:30-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Sun-Tue 12:50-3:25-6:30-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed 12:50-3:25-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 12:50-6:30-9:25

Righteous Kill (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Wed 1-3:50-6:50-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 1-6:50-9:40

Traitor (14A) DTS Digital Fri-Sun 12:25-3:10-6:35-9:10 DTS Digital Mon 12:25-3:10-6:35 DTS Digital Tue 12:25-3:10-6:35-9:10 DTS Digital Wed 6:35-9:10 DTS Digital Thu 12:25-6:35-9:10

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The Women (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Wed 12:15-3:40-6:40-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 12:15-6:40-9:35

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Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 4:50-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:10-9:40

The Dark Knight (PG) Fri 4:30-8 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:30-8 Mon-Thu 4:30-8

Death Race (14A) Fri 4:45-7:05-9:35 Sat 1:25-4:45-7:05-9:35 Sun 1:25-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:05-9:35

Fly Me to the Moon 3-D (G) Fri 4:30-6:30-8:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-6:30-8:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:30-8:50

The House Bunny (PG) Fri 4:10-6:40-9 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:40-9 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 9:25

Righteous Kill (14A) Fri 4:40-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7-9:30

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:10

The Women (PG) Fri 4-6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:20

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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:40-7:35-10:45 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:40-7:35

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri-Thu 1:35

Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:35-7-9:30-11:50 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:35-7-9:30

Hancock (PG) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:45-7:25-9:35-11:45 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:25-9:35

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:45-7:20-9:55-12:20 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:20-9:55

The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 2-7:30

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50

Iron Man (PG) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:15-6:55-9:50-12:15 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:15-6:55-9:50

Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:30-7:15-9:25-11:25 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:30-7:15-9:25

The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Sat 4:50-10:05-11:55 Sun-Thu 4:50-10:05

The Rocker (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4-6:45-9:20-11:40 Sun-Thu 1:15-4-6:45-9:20

Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40

Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:20

Wanted (18A) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:05-7:05-9:45-12:10 Sun-Thu 1:35-4:05-7:05-9:45

You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Sat 10-12:15 Sun-Thu 10

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Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:10-7:50-10:25

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Mon 12:20-2:40-5-7:30-10 Tue 5-7:30-10 Wed-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

The Dark Knight (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-7-10:15

Death Race (14A) Fri-Thu 2-5:20-8-10:30

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-6:50-9:10

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:30

Mamma Mia! Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:45-10:20

Righteous Kill (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:50

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30

Step Brothers Fri-Thu 1:40-5:15-7:35-10:05

Traitor (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:20

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:20

WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12

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The Edge of Heaven (STC) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15

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Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4-7:30-10:05 Wed 4-7:30-10:05 Thu 1-4-7:30-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

The Dark Knight (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-8

The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:15

Death Race (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-7-10:15

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:30

Mamma Mia! Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:45-9:25

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:15-10:10

Righteous Kill (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:45-10:15

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4-6:50-9:40 Wed 1-4-9:50 Thu 1-4-6:50-9:40

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Death Race Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:20

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Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7 Fri-Thu 9:20

Mamma Mia! Sing-a-Long (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-6:30-9:10

Mera Pind (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:30-8:30

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:10-8-10:30

Righteous Kill (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:45

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:15

Step Brothers Fri-Thu 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:30

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The bestselling albums at Amazon.ca

1. Viva La Vida, Coldplay (front man Chris Martin, left); **2.** Mamma Mia! soundtrack, Various Artists; **3.** The Block, New Kids On The Block; **4.** All I Intended to Be, Emmylou Harris; **5** All Hope Is Gone, Slipknot. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Pop star takes country route

Jessica Simpson says switching gears helped her open up

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

Of all of Jessica Simpson's accomplishments to date – pop star, reality TV star, film star, philanthropist star, fashion line, perfume and TV beer commercial star — none has made her feel more at home than this week's release of Do You Know, her debut as a country singer.

"Making this record has been life-changing for me. I finally feel I'm at a place in my life where I can be myself, I don't have anything to be afraid of," the 28-year-old tells Metro.

"To me, the songs seemed just right. All the songs I wrote in Nashville made it on to the record. I wanted to open up a bit more and share my heart – and the only way to do that was to go back to my roots and do things the Southern way. Everything seemed to fit perfectly."

Along with co-writing with some of Nashville's finest songsmiths — including Ontario-bred Victoria Banks, the blond Texan cites her duet with Dolly Parton on the power-ballad title track as a defining high point.

Ironically, Simpson endured one of her most painful moments honouring Parton during a Kennedy Center Honors performance in late 2006. A nervous Simpson took to the stage singing Parton's classic 9 To 5 — and forgot some of the lyrics — in front of such attendees as Steven Spielberg, U.S. President George W. Bush, Shania Twain and Parton herself. Simpson ran off in tears and begged to re-tape her performance.

"But Dolly came to my defence," Simpson says. "She wrote me a lovely letter, saying not to let the critics make me weep, to not let go of my talent, to stay focused and follow my heart. She's one of the most incredible people I've ever been around in my life."

Simpson is, however, fully aware that her recent foray into country music, like the rest of her life of late, will be under the microscope from the oft-harsh entertainment media.

Despite the popularity of MTV's Newlyweds: Nick And Jessica and multi-platinum success as a pop music performer, Simpson's much-publicized divorce from Nick Lachey, luke-warm-at-best reviews in her choice of movie roles, and her post-divorce dating life — ranging from Dane Cook, Maroon 5's Adam Levine, John Mayer to her current beau, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo — have given fodder for tabloids and showbiz magazines to run rampant with.

"If I listen to what everyone says or writes about me, I think I would be in a crazy house by now," Simpson remarks pointedly. "I think I've become a stronger person by allowing myself to learn from any negativity that I've experienced in my life."

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Do You Know — Jessica Simpson's debut album as a country singer — was released this week.

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Music stores couldn't phase out their vinyl sections fast enough and fans feared that turntables and styli would go the way of the 8-track. Used record stores were swamped and every garage sale had milk crates full of LPs going for a penny apiece.

Despite attempts to kill it off, vinyl did not become extinct. Collectors kept collecting. DJs preferred the tactile feel and action of vinyl on turntables. And manufacturers kept making vinyl records and turntables, including for audiophiles who never believed the hype of CDs in the first place. And while vinyl's share of the market for pre-recorded music dropped to almost zero, it's never become extinct.

Today, strange things are happening in the vinyl market. Manufacturing plants are having a hard time keeping up with orders. Major labels are expanding the number of vinyl releases. Vinyl sections are reappearing in both bricks-and-mortar stores and in special sections in places like Amazon. Sales numbers are still small — only 1.3 million records were sold in the U.S. last year — but that represents a 37 per cent increase over 2006.

And it's not older people driving the market; it's the iPod Generation. The sheer inconvenience of vinyl — its size, cost, poor portability, etc. — is being embraced by young fans as a way of showing how much they care about music.

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Cole cameo
Actor Gary Cole will be swinging by Chuck in the role of secret agent Sarah's father for a single November sweeps episode, a show rep has confirmed. TVGUIDE.COM

TV

Canada's newest Idol wears crown with pride

"I was able to be myself for the whole entire show and people fell in love with that."

CTV PHOTO

After four million votes, Canadians chose Tams as the new Idol.

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

T-H-E-O. His fans root for him by shaking neon coloured Bristol board letters that spell his name in the air.

He's got an astute, confident expression in his face, and each week he impressed a panel of music industry professionals and millions of viewers.

But despite his obvious exterior poise, newly named Canadian Idol Theo Tams admits he is brimming with insecurity.

"From my first audition, when I walked in with pit stains the size of Montana, I think that I had no choice but to really be myself," said the 23-year-old Lethbridge, Alta. student over a celebratory beer after learning he had won the coveted Idol title.

"From that moment, I said to myself, 'I have insecurities. I have weaknesses just like anybody else'," he said, clutching his pint of Heineken, "But there's no reason why I can't step up and take this."

On a program like Canadian Idol, where finding success relies on selling yourself, Tams said he was able to take away a sense of gratification in knowing he had beat his self-doubt.

"That's the biggest thing I'm proud of, that I was able to be myself for the whole entire show and people fell in love with that."

While music is a comfort, Theo says it "should also be a challenge to you to step up and be better than you were the day before."

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III, by Christopher Paolini

Already a No. 1 bestseller on Amazon.ca even though it doesn't come out until Sept. 20, Brisingr: Inheritance, Book III blends fantasy and science fiction in the story of Eragon, who struggles with promises and choices in his hope to rid the land of tyranny

2 Smallville: The Complete Seventh Season

Just released on Tuesday, this six-DVD box set on the Superman series features unaired scenes, commentary by the cast and creator, a Jimmy On Jimmy featurette bringing together Jimmy Olsens past (Jack Larson and Marc McClure) and present (Aaron Ashmore and Sam Huntington), and more.

3 Michael Phelps

He can swim, but can he be funny, too? Michael Phelps, who recently won a record-breaking eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, hosts the season premiere of Saturday Night Live tomorrow night. Lil Wayne is the musical act.

4 Feminine hair clips

For minimum fuss with maximum effect, clips featuring girly touches like butterflies and tartan buttons will dress up hairstyles through fall and winter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

5 Pumpkin

Expect this great gourd to start popping up just about everywhere: Not just in consumable items — pies, loafs and lattes — but in body lotions, face masks and home fragrance items, like sprays and candles.

6 Solange Knowles

Solange Knowles is out to make her own musical mark, without help from her famous older sister Beyoncé, thank you very much. In her second album, Sol-Angel and the Hadley St. Dreams, she sings, "I'm not her and never will be/Two girls gone in different directions, striving towards the same galaxy/Let my star light shine on its own" in the song God Given Name.

7 The Quilt, by Gym Class Heroes

The Quilt, the fourth studio album by the band Gym Class Heroes has been recently released, but fans who have yet to get their hands on the CD can go to www.muchmusic.com/music/firstspin/gymclassheroes/ to hear the disc in its entirety.

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For an interview with Mitch MacDonald, this season's runner-up on Canadian Idol, visit our website at metronews.ca.

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	3	KHQ	- 370	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	America's Toughest Jobs		Dateline NBC		
	4	CBXT	- 307	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest.	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS
	7	CKEM	241 347	Law & Order: SVU		Secret Life of American Teen		Survivorman		Kaya	TBA	Your City
	8	CITV	240 339	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men		NUMB3RS "Pay to Play"		NUMB3RS "Velocity"		News Hour
	12	CBXFT	119 705	Du coeur au ventre (N) (SC)		Paquet voleur (N) (SC)		Zone doc (N) (SC)		Le Téléjournal (N) (SC)		TJ Alberta
	13	KXLY	- 371	News	News	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	The 2008 ALMA Awards Latino artistic achievement. (N)				20/20
	16	KAYU	- 373	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		News (N)
	19	CHTV	- -	The Insider (N)	E News	20/20 (HDTV)		Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Deal or No Deal		News (N)
	22	KSPS	- 374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	Kingston Trio
news	15	CBCN	502 -	CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		fifth estate
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sports	20	TSN	400 400	CFL Football		CFL Football Montreal Alouettes at Calgary Stampeders. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
	23	net	408 418	MLB Baseball		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies.				Sportsnet Connected		Ult. Fighter
	47	SPEED	417 406	Prelude to the Dream (HDTV)				Trackside At... (HDTV)		Formula 1 Debrief (N)		Inside GP
	94	SCORE	410 403	(6) WWE SmackDown!		Score Tonight		Final Score	Final Score	WWE SmackDown!		
family	14	YTV	552 543	The Next Star (N)		*Aquamarine* ★★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) Sara Paxton.				The Next Star		Falcon Beach
	17	TREE	553 546	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears	Dragon	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557 541	Life Derek	Life Derek	Life Derek	*The Cheetah Girls: One World* (2008)			*A Little Princess* ★★★★ (1995, Drama)		
cable variety	25	A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami "Bloodline"		CSI: Miami "Nailed"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	29	FOOD	603 561	Tasty Travels	Food Safari (N)	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Imposs.	Glutton-Punish.	Iron Chef America		Tasty Travels
	32	DISC	520 505	Man vs. Wild (N)		Alcatraz: Living Hell		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild		Handyman
	38	SPIKE	628 584	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)						Coaches	MANswers	GameTrailers
	43	SPACE	627 528	Supernatural		Torchwood (N)		(9:05) *The Fallen Ones* (2005, Horror), Kristen Miller				*The Dark*
	50	STAR	621 56	At the Movies	Star-at Movies	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		TMZ	eTalk	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Hollywood

SATURDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
9/13/08 primetime	2	CFRN	239 318	Fashion Tele.	eTalk	*Terry* (2005, Docudrama) Shawn Ashmore, Noah Reid.				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	3	KHQ	- 370	News (N)	Raymond	CSI: NY "Blink"		Chuck (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law Order: CI
	4	CBXT	- 307	MLB Baseball		Equestrian CN International. From Calgary.				*The Gods Must Be Crazy* (1981, Comedy)		
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Scrubs	A New Smile, a New Life		*Cinderella Man* ★★★ (2005, Biography) Russell Crowe, Renée Zellweger.				
	7	CKEM	241 347	Survivorman		Kaya	Role	*Hide and Seek* ★ (2000, Suspense) Daryl Hannah.				The City Show
	8	CITV	240 339	Andromeda		Andromeda		Andromeda (Part 1 of 2)		Andromeda (Part 2 of 2)		News (N)
	12	CBXFT	119 705	Le Moment de vérité (N) (SC)		3600 secondes d'extase (SC)		Dre Grey, leçons d'anatomie		Le Téléjournal	*L'Auberge espagnole* (SC)	
	13	KXLY	- 371	(6) College Football Ohio State at USC. (HDTV) (Live)					4 Your Health	Inside Edition	The Insider (N)	Ent. Tonight
	16	KAYU	- 373	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
	19	CHTV	- -	E News	The Soup	D. Richards	Living Lohan	Dr. 90210		Forbes 20 Under 25		E! News
	22	KSPS	- 374	(6) The 60s Live! -- My Generation, My Music				Celtic Thunder				Queen: Live
news	15	CBCN	502 -	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	China's Sexual Revolution		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	China's Sexual
	54	CTVN	501 391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	20	TSN	400 400	CFL Football		CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at BC Lions. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
	23	net	408 418	Saturday Night Poker		MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at San Diego Padres. From PETCO Park in San Diego.						Sportsnet Con.
	47	SPEED	417 406	Monster Jam (HDTV) (N)		Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Unique Whips		Low Life	SuperCars	Unique Whips
	94	SCORE	410 403	Horse Racing: Trotting		Score Update		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Score on NFL
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	17	TREE	553 546	Beren. Bears	Toopy & Binoo	Comfy Couch	Little Bear	Toy Castle	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557 541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Father and Scout* (1994, Comedy-Drama)		
cable variety	25	A&E	615 520	(6) *My Cousin Vinny* (1992, Comedy)				The Sopranos "Mayham"	Jacked: Theft	*My Cousin Vinny* ★★★ (1992, Comedy)		
	29	FOOD	603 561	Dinner Imposs.	Bobby Flay	Top Chef "High Steaks"		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America		Top Chef
	32	DISC	520 505	After the Catch "Emergency!"		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	A Haunting		Dirty Jobs Cave biologist.		Criss Angel
	38	SPIKE	628 584	The Ultimate Fighter The finalists square off in the Cox Arena in Las Vegas.					Rock Band 2	TNA iMPACT!		
	43	SPACE	627 528	Sarah Connor Chronicles		*Stargate: The Ark of Truth* (2008, Science Fiction) (DVS)				(10:15) *Contact* (1997, Science Fiction)		
	50	STAR	621 56	Star! on Set Degrassi		America's Next Top Model (N)		Fabulous Life	Old Skool	TMZ		Star on Set

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	3	KHQ	- 370	(6:15) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns.					Best Sports	Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Miami
	4	CBXT	- 307	Heartland (HDTV)		*Flood* (2007, Drama) Robert Carlyle, Tom Courtenay.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Blue Jean
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Up Front	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case "Slipping"		CSI: Miami
	7	CKEM	241 347	Murdoch	Friends	*Be Cool* ★★ (2005, Comedy) John Travolta.				Survivorman		Role
	8	CITV	240 339	renegadepress	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	12	CBXFT	119 705	Découverte	Les Prix Gémeaux 23e édition (SC)					Le Téléjournal	SMASH (SC)	*Le Nèg'* (SC)
	13	KXLY	- 371	4 News at 6	Explorer TV	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (HDTV)		
	16	KAYU	- 373	American Idol Rewind		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Fringe "Pilot" An unlikely trio uncovers a deadly mystery.				News (N)
	19	CHTV	- -	Instant Beauty Pageant		Wild Cop Show	Court Show	Extreme Makeover: Home		Final 24		FANatical
	22	KSPS	- 374	Great Performances (N)			TBA	Andre Rieu: Live in Vienna				P.O.V.
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	23	net	408 418	(6) MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox.				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Ult. Fighter
	47	SPEED	417 406	Wind Tunnel-Despain		Pinks -- All Out (HDTV)		Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	101 Cars-Drive
	94	SCORE	410 403	Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.		Poker Aussie Millions		Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
family	14	YTV	552 543	*Kicking & Screaming* ★★ (2005, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Robert Duvall.					Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach
	17	TREE	553 546	Rolie Polie Olie	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Toy Castle	Tipi Tales	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
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cable variety	25	A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Sunblock"		The Cleaner (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	29	FOOD	603 561	Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Challenge Knife skills.		Challenge
	32	DISC	520 505	Secrets of Dinosaur Mummy		MythBusters (N)		Daily Planet		The Four-Winged Dinosaur		Dino Mummy
	38	SPIKE	628 584	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		*Training Day* ★★★ (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington, Scott Glenn.					*Training Day* ★★★ (2001)	
	43	SPACE	627 528	*Stargate* ★★ (1994, Science Fiction) Kurt Russell, James Spader.					(9:45) *Gor* ★ (1988, Fantasy) Urbano Barberini.			
	50	STAR	621 56	Look-A-Like	Star-at Movies	Girl Next Door	In Fashion	Hollywood Sugar Mamas		Ellen Degeneres Show		Girl Next Door

Campbell films homeless centre promo

Supermodel Naomi Campbell has reportedly filmed a promo video to raise awareness of a London drop-in centre for the homeless where she is carrying out community service. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Dunst 'learned a lot' in rehab

PEOPLE Kirsten Dunst says she's "learned a lot" after checking into rehab earlier this year for depression and is now in a different place in her life," People.com reports.

"Everyone goes through a hard time in their life," Dunst says in the October issue of Harper's Bazaar. "They just don't have to do it in front of tons of people and with our media the way it is. I did, and I'm lucky that I had the resources and the money to take care of myself. Now, I'm great."

Though she hesitates to go into details about her stint at Cirque Lodge, a rehabilitation center in Utah, Dunst says prior to going to rehab she was "enormously co-dependent."

"I wasn't taking care of myself emotionally. I wasn't expressing my anger," she says. "I was making nice all the time."

She even got words of wisdom from an old friend — actor Tom Cruise. The actress keeps a plastic-framed copy of L. Ron Hubbard's Scientology Code of Honor in her home, which was recently given to her as a gift from her former Interview with the Vampire costar.

The 26-year old is not a Scientologist but appreciates the advice; something she can use as she develops her own projects.

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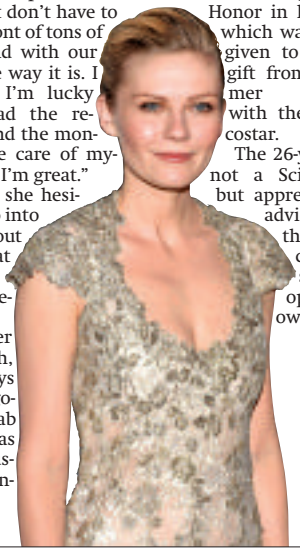

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

McLachlan, hubby split

RELATIONSHIPS Sarah McLachlan is separating from her husband, Ashwin Sood, the singer tells Billboard.com.

"I haven't said anything about it because I've been terrified," she said. "But I figure ... there's no good time to say it, so I just said it."

McLachlan and Sood (the drummer in her band) have been married for 11 years and have two daughters, India Ann Sushil, 6, and Taja Summer, 14 months.

The Vancouver-based singer described the split as "pretty gross," but did not elaborate on the causes, People.com reports.

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Ellen upset celeb pals

PEOPLE Newlyweds Portia De Rossi and Ellen DeGeneres upset a host of celebrity pals by uninviting them to their summer nuptials, imdb.com reports.

DeGeneres has revealed the couple had originally planned to turn their big day into a star-studded affair, but the pair scaled back when word leaked about the ceremony.

The comedienne instructed wedding planner Mindy Weiss to alert friends the wedding would no longer be a big bash, and the couple instead wed at their home, surrounded only by family and close friends.

"We had 150, 200 people originally, we were gonna do a huge wedding and then at the last minute, we called her (Weiss) and said, 'Please call and uninvite everybody because we just can't do it; it's too stressful,'" DeGeneres says.

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Mariah opposes tell-all

PEOPLE Mariah Carey wants to quash parts of an explosive tell-all being penned by her former record producer Damion "Damizza" Young, who says he'll bare details of the "intense four-year personal relationship" they shared and "worked diligently to disguise from the world's press," PageSix.com reports.

Young says the singer's lawyer Sonya Guardo, who works with powerhouse celebrity attorney Allen Grubman, fired off a letter reminding him of a confidentiality agreement to steer clear of blabbing any sensitive information about Carey in his upcoming book, Guilty by Association. Guardo didn't get back to PageSix.

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celebrity brief

Oprah tops list of generous celebs

CHARITY Oprah Winfrey tops a list of the 30 most generous celebrities, compiled by The Giving Back Fund and published in the Sept. 14 issue of Parade, usmagazine.com reports. The 54-year-old talk show host and media mogul gave out $50.2 million US last year to causes including her foundation and Oprah's Angel Network.

Power couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie ranked sixth, with donations of $8.4 million in 2007.

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celebrity briefs

Berry's ex Benet denies addiction

CONTROVERSY Eric Benet insists the sex addiction that ended his marriage to Halle Berry was all made up, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Benet admits he agreed to seek counselling for a problem he never had in a desperate bid to save his marriage to the actress.

"Going to that therapy, for me, was an attempt to save my marriage," he says. "If you've been unfaithful in a relationship, or your marriage, you're considered a sex addict now. I never really agreed with that philosophy."

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Keira sick of body criticism

PEOPLE Actress Keira Knightley has joked she wants to get pregnant so people won't think she is anorexic, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Knightley, 23, who is often criticized for her slim figure, says she believes she would get a break from her detractors if she had a baby.

"That's a good reason to have a kid. They won't say I'm anorexic any more. S**t, I've got to have a child," she says.

The actress also claims the constant questions about her weight are "not appropriate."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

It's been a bad couple of months for the marriages of Canadian singers.

First **Shania Twain**'s marriage goes kaput, and now **Sarah McLachlan** is fumbling towards Splitsville with her drummer husband, **Ashwin Sood**. If I'm a marriage counsellor, I'm on the phone with **Celine Dion** right now! Now, Sarah and Ashwin were married for 11 years, which translates to 10 and three quarters Canadian, but I have to question why anyone would want to be married to a band mate in the first place.

The Beatles knew better, and I believe that this is one of the main reasons why **Paul McCartney** never shacked up with **Ringo Starr**.

Another question this raises is, "Why a drummer?" Has Sarah never seen This is Spinal Tap before? It's a well-known fact that when drummers aren't choking on their own or other people's vomit, their heads are spontaneously combusting or exploding. On second thought, maybe in her present state of mind, Sarah wishes that would happen to him.

Sarah has described the split as "pretty gross," and I know what she means. There are few things more off-putting than a vegan chewing with his mouth open. In Ashwin's defense, he's probably had just about enough of watching her sing with her eyes closed.

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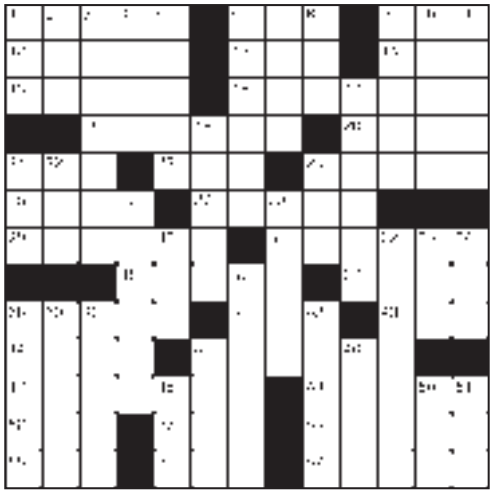
Minogue's private performance in Dubai

Kylie Minogue is to be paid $1.7 million US for a private performance in Dubai. The singer has been asked to sing during a lavish four-day launch party to celebrate the opening of the Atlantis, The Palm resort. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Take Five



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3 Politician George
4 Prop for Ben Franklin
5 Feature of italics
6 Third-party collateral
7 Liver secretion
8 Chum
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10 Grievance
11 More festive
17 Turn to bone
19 Refuges
21 Sprite
22 Links standard
24 Actress Thurman
26 Henson amphibian
28 Dogpatch lad
30 Speed
32 Prizefighter George
33 Robitaille of hockey
34 Historic period
36 Valencia, e.g.
38 Use fingerpaints
39 Miss USA adornment
40 Beginning
42 Deadly
45 Enthusiastic
46 Billion (Pref.)
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51 Sandra or Ruby

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1 Atlanta NBA team
6 "Chicago" lyricist
9 Gas stat
12 Use
13 Round Table address
14 Verily
15 Mississippi area
16 Screen star George
18 Girl named in "The Raven"
20 Rescue
21 Eco-friendly org.
23 Confucian principle
24 Leading man?
25 Deficiency
27 Mentor
29 Put on ice
31 Confound
35 Ex-NFLer Andre, nicknamed "Bad Moon"
37 Part of MYOB
38 Tread upon forcefully
41 Ump
43 Nipper's co.
44 Revealing fashion
45 Mechan-ic's place
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55 Snitch
56 "Norma —"
57 Jousting weapon

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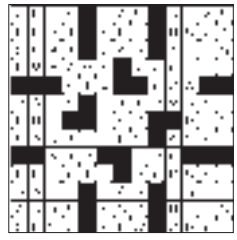

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your friendliness will attract an impractical person. Don't let anyone interfere with a ridiculous plan. Doubts about challenges will create turmoil.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Revealing too much may ruin your chances. Don't forget a crucial step in a project. This would be a good time to make amends.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Friendship leads to transportation problems. Don't waste too much time on a silly errand. Be realistic about your blissful preoccupation.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your ability to read people is enhanced. A sudden temper tantrum will be obnoxious. An amazing action causes a secret rendezvous.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't be aloof when a friend says something critical. A discussion will be avoided due to a sports event. It's important to be the solution to a problem.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A needy person is reaching out after a break-up. A discussion will cause a big stink. An overreaction will create a tense situation.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A conclusion will come as a power struggle ends. Avoid involvement in a dependent relationship. The honesty of your friends will reassure you.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Rudeness will get a reaction. There'll be a happy ending to an exasperating meeting. A suspicious pattern begins to emerge.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Your openness beats down the barricades of distrust. Focus on a sense of order. A melodrama is caused by someone trying to pull a fast one.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone loves your personal demeanor. A confident manner can put you into a leadership role. Don't assume that you know everything.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A pleasant comment will lighten your mood. Someone will tell you who caused a predicament. Love grows after a discovery is made.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Someone in charge will have a broken heart. Your attraction will be an important and potent force. Information will be skilfully exchanged.

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2								9
		7				5		
8	4		5		2		1	6
				4				
7	1		9		3		2	8
		1				8		
9								4
	7		2	8	9		3	

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

4	5	2	7	6	8	1	3	9
9	3	6	1	4	5	2	7	8
1	7	8	2	3	9	5	6	4
5	8	4	3	1	2	6	9	7
2	6	7	8	9	4	3	1	5
3	1	9	6	5	7	8	4	2
7	2	3	4	8	1	9	5	6
8	9	1	5	7	6	4	2	3
6	4	5	9	2	3	7	8	1

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min . . . . . Genius
13-17 min . . . . . Scholar
17-21 min . . . . . Smart
21-25 min . . . . . Not bad
25+ min . . . . Keep practising

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Variable. 15°	Partly cloudy. Low 3°	Partly cloudy. 16°/ 5°	Sunny. 17°/ 3°	Sunny. 18°/ 7°

Temperature Normals
High: 17.5°
Low: 4.7°

Records
High: 29.4°/1944
Low: -6.7°/1915

Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.
Sunset: 7:55 p.m.
Moonset: 3:31 a.m.
Moonrise: 7:01 p.m.

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